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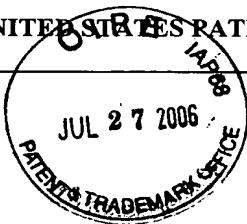
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is/are being brought to the attention of the Examiner without any admission that it/they constitute(s) statutory prior art, or without any admission that it/they contain(s) subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby certifies that each listed reference was first cited in the Communications (copies and English translations are enclosed) from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Please note that reference US 5,704,985 (Corresponding to US 6,030,661 and JP-A-H11-508531T) was already cited in the information disclosure statement filed in connection with the present application on April 1, 2004. Please also note that references US 2004/0056412 A1 (Corresponding to US 6,770,137 and JP-A-2002-154898) and US 2004/0231583 A1 (Corresponding to US 6,830,618 and JP-A-2002-154899) were already cited by the Examiner in an Office Action in connection with the present application on June 27, 2006.

Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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